

## **Mount Baker Theatre Programming Philosophy and Booking Policy**

*The Mount Baker Theatre Organization enriches our region's culture through dynamic performances, arts education, inspiring engagement in the community, and stewardship of a national historic treasure.*

### **Programming Philosophy**

The region we serve (Northwest Washington and Southern BC) is diverse in its culture, opinions, experiences, and viewpoints so we strive to present a wide variety of programming that speaks to, inspires, and entertains our entire community. Live entertainment and the power of shared experience can be transformative. It can prompt conversations, broaden perspectives, and bring people together.

MBT presents over 100 events annually including Broadway productions, concerts, films, comedy, theatre, lectures, dance, education, and community events. A multitude of artists and performers, sponsors, members, foundations, volunteers, and most of all – our patrons, make it possible for MBT's mission to be fulfilled.

Occasionally, we present a show or artist that may be deemed controversial by some. When this happens, MBT works to communicate honestly with those who may be offended by our decision to bring in such a show. We believe that healthy controversy can be an opportunity to engage with one another and learn about differing perspectives.

What MBT does not permit is hate speech of any kind. MBT will not book a performer or show nor rent out the theatre to anyone invoking hate speech. MBT defines hate speech as content that promotes hatred or violence against individuals or groups based on protected characteristics under federal law. MBT is a safe place for all to gather in.

### **Booking Policy**

MBT is responsible for managing the limited resources of an annual calendar and the theatre's spaces, staff, and volunteers in a sustainable manner. MBT uses the following prioritization when booking programs and events.

- MBT Presents
- MBT's Resident Orchestra (BSO)
- Arts Education (local dance schools, etc.)
- Other Community renters
- Commercial promoters

All rental requests are considered. Confirmations are based on date availability, congruence with other booked events and MBT's programming philosophy, and staffing demands.

Please contact MBT's Program Director, Renee Gaumond at [renee.gaumond@mountbakertheatre.com](mailto:renee.gaumond@mountbakertheatre.com) to submit a rental request or for more information regarding MBT's Booking Policy.

## **STEPS AND PROCEDURES FOR RENTING AT MOUNT BAKER THEATRE**

- 1) Determine your desired event timeframe, allowing a minimum of 4 months from the time of a finalized rental contract to your event date.
- 2) Before contacting MBT, have a clear vision of what your event will be, including your tech needs, room set up, ticket prices, start and end times, etc. The more prepared you are, the more efficient the rental process will be and the more likely your event will be a financial success.
- 3) Refer to MBT's booking policy when requesting dates. Rental requests for the following year will not be confirmed until MBT's upcoming Season is locked in, typically after May 1<sup>st</sup>.